



# Serra Preschool Newsletter - September 2015

a cooperative preschool in South Orange County where children and parents learn and love together



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## Kids Birthdays

Eliana Martz turned 4 on 9/5  
Shaelie Hopkins turned 3 on 9/5  
Baylon Zulevich turned 3 on 9/6  
Kai Galston turned 3 on 9/13  
Sammy Green turned 3 on 9/16  
Abigail Stepanian turned 4 on 9/21  
Diem Herrera turns 3 on 9/25  
Brooklyn Wills turns 4 on 9/28

## Our Board

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## Upcoming Events

Sat, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Dad's Pancake Breakfast (both 2-day and 3-day classes)  
Wed, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting 12:30pm  
Wed, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - Book Discussion at 7:30pm for "It's Ok not to share... and other Renegade Rules to Raising Competent and Compassionate Kids"  
Sat, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - 6 Week Cleanup  
Wed, Oct 21<sup>st</sup> - General Meeting 6pm  
Thurs, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Parade for 2-day class  
Fri, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Parade for 3-day class

## Director's Message

Dear Parents,

By now I hope everyone has gotten a chance to work in the classroom at least one time. I do hope that it was a pleasant experience and that no one is feeling too overwhelmed.

What I want you all to know is that your very presence in the classroom is a gift to the children at this school. Kids at Serra have the freedom to choose what it is that they want to do each day. We can give them that freedom and provide enough activities that meet the interests of all the children because of the time you are giving by working and being a part of this school. I am thanking you in advance for being a meaningful person in the lives of children.

My goals for the children are for them to have the time to play and to play deeply. I want to see them lost in whatever world they are creating for themselves. This is the time for them to experience free, unstructured, child-directed play.

My goals for parents are to enjoy your time at Serra, make new friends, and develop a deeper understanding of what is happening with children during the preschool years.

I feel so blessed to have this job, to have the energy and my good health to keep going!!!

On another note I need to thank everyone who worked so hard on the yard and other school improvements over the summer. It was not always easy, especially when it came to getting the grass to grow. But grow it did and the yard is simply a more wonderful place for children to gather and play.

**Thank you, John, Jameson's grandpa, Cindy, Greg, Marcio, Amanda, Devon, Darryl for the things you built last year and Allison for lending a hand when you could. I hope I am not forgetting anyone. I can't express to you how much I appreciate all you did. Our school just keeps getting better and better.**

I am looking forward to all the adventures and good times that await us all.

Fondly, Mrs. Nowicki

## **DOHENY STATE BEACH AQUARIUM/ INTERPRETIVE CENTER FIELD TRIP**

**When:** Monday September 28th at 10:00 AM

**Where:** 25300 Dana Point Harbor Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629

**Directions:** From the south, exit I-5 @ Beach Cities/ Camino Las Ramblas. Turn left onto Dana Point Harbor Drive. State Beach entrance will be left at first traffic light. From the north, exit I-5 at PCH/ Camino Las Ramblas, bear right. Turn left onto Dana Point Harbor Drive. State Beach entrance will be left at first traffic light. Aquarium is located directly next to entrance/ parking kiosk. Park in the first area to the right of kiosk.

**What:** Doheny State Beaches Visitor Center is a wonderful place to learn about the local sea, land and water animals that live in our environment. There is a 900-gallon tide pool exhibit and 5 other aquarium tanks with various fish, rays, lobster and more. On display are bones and skeletons of eels, whales, and dolphins. Examples of the many birds and mammals that live amongst us including cougars and seals as well bird life as well. There is a butterfly garden on site as well that the children can enjoy.

**Details:** We will tour the aquarium and butterfly gardens in two separate groups so that we don't overcrowd any one area. Bring a picnic lunch and blanket. We can picnic after on the grass lawn or tables between parking area and beach.

**Cost:** Free. We will also be granted free parking

**Contact Person:** Nicole Bailey- Mobile: (949) 300-8345 – Email: [Nrklbailey@gmail.com](mailto:Nrklbailey@gmail.com)

### **The Pirate Song**

When I was one I had some fun on the day I went to Sea

***Chorus: I jumped aboard a Pirate Ship and the Captain said to me.***

***Lets go this way (sway to the right) and that way (sway to the left) forward and backward.  
Over the deep blue sea.***

When I was two I tied my shoe on the day I went to sea.

***Chorus***

When I was three I slapped my knee on the day I went to sea.

***Chorus***

When I was four I slammed the door on the day I went to sea.

***Chorus***

When I was five I took a dive on the day I went to sea.

***Chorus.***

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